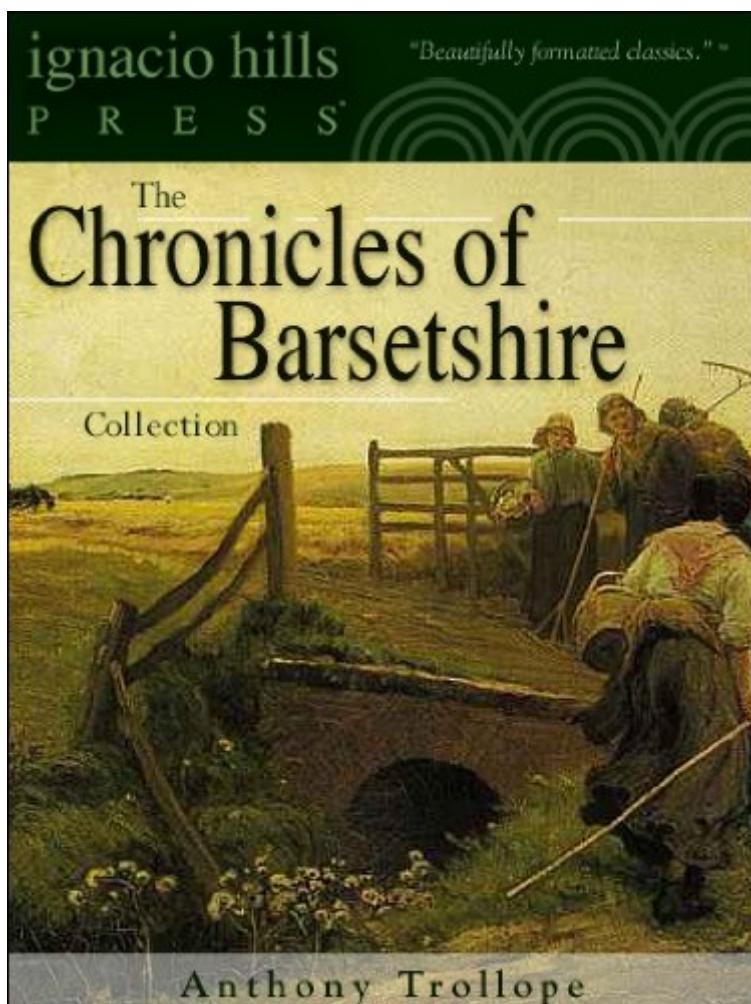


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# Chronicles Of Barsetshire Collection (Six Novels In One Volume!)



## Synopsis

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The "Chronicles of Barsetshire" is a series of six novels by English author Anthony Trollope, set in the west-country Cathedral city of Barchester. The beautifully-written epic saga concerns the dealings of the clergy and the gentry, and the political, amatory, and social maneuverings that go on among and between them. Barsetshire is the county in which the novels take place. The county town and cathedral town is Barchester. Other towns mentioned in the novels include Silverbridge, Hogglestock and Greshamsbury.

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- Book One: The Warden -- Mr Septimus Harding, elderly warden of Hiram's Hospital and Precentor of Barchester Cathedral. The story concerns the impact upon Harding and his circle when a zealous young reformer, John Bold, launches a campaign to expose the disparity in the apportionment of the charity's income between its object, the bedesmen, and its officer, Mr Harding. John Bold embarks on this campaign out of a spirit of public duty despite his romantic involvement with Eleanor and previously cordial relations with Mr Harding...
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- Book Six: The Last Chronicle of Barset -- An indigent but learned clergyman, the Reverend Josiah Crawley, the curate of Hogglestock, as he stands accused of stealing. It also features the courtship of the Rev. Mr

Crawley's daughter, Grace, and Major Henry Grantly, son of the wealthy Archdeacon Grantly. The Archdeacon, although allowing that Grace is a lady, doesn't think her of high enough rank or wealth for his widowed son; his position is strengthened by the Reverend Mr Crawley's apparent crime. Almost broken by poverty and trouble, the Reverend Mr Crawley hardly knows himself if he is guilty or not...These are wonderful, well-written thrilling and vigorous novels!

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I'm currently reading the 4th book. The 3rd was not to my liking, but the first and second certainly were. Of the various 19th Century English writers, Trollope has his own distinctive style, although not too dissimilar from the Brontes, Dickens, etc.. His sentence structure usually involves multiple phrases and clauses set apart by commas. That doesn't particularly bother me, but young readers may not like it. I suppose if one likes writing from that era it will seem comfortable and not unusual. Trollope demonstrates deep understanding of human behavior and the motivations behind it for 19th Century England. That's an important qualifier. He might be hard pressed to understand

contemporary attitudes and actions. He ably writes of virtue and vice, be it open or hidden. His writing style involves judgments. You won't like his work if that bothers you. In describing one character in "Barchester Towers" he says, "His motives, like those of most men, were mixed, and though his conduct was generally very different from that which we would wish to praise, it was actuated perhaps as often as that of the majority of the world." And again, "Is it not a pity that people who are bright and clever should so often be exceedingly improper, and that those who are never improper should so often be dull and heavy?" You also won't like him if the tenets of Christianity bother you. "The highest laws for the governance of a Christian's duty must act from within and not from without;" Is he guilty of sentimentality and drama? Yes, but not to excess in the eyes of lovers of romantic fiction, such as mine.

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